

Table 1. Percentage of U.S. women aged 15–44 currently using contraceptives, and percentage sexually active in the prior three months but not using a method, by selected characteristics, National Survey of Family Growth, 1982–1995

Characteristic	1982 (N=7,969)	1988 (N=8,450)	1995 (N=10,847)
Using a method	55.7	60.3	64.2
Age			
15–19	24.2	32.1	29.8
20–24	55.8	59.0	63.5
25–29	65.9	64.5	69.2
30–34	67.6	68.0	72.8
35–39	61.9	70.2	73.1
40–44	61.2	66.0	71.4
Race/ethnicity			
Hispanic	50.6	50.4	59.0
Non-Hispanic white	57.3	62.9	66.1
Non-Hispanic black	51.6	56.8	62.1
Sexually active, not using	7.4	6.7	5.2
Age			
15–19	9.9	7.6	7.1
20–24	8.2	8.1	6.0
25–29	7.1	7.5	4.7
30–34	5.8	5.4	4.4
35–39	6.4	4.6	4.3
40–44	5.6	5.5	5.1
Race/ethnicity			
Hispanic	8.5	9.6	5.6
Non-Hispanic white	6.2	5.5	5.0
Non-Hispanic black	13.6	10.3	7.0
No. (in 000s)	54,099	57,900	60,201